

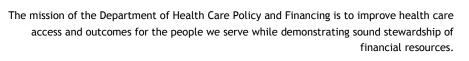
# The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advocates' Communication Meeting Summary

April 24, 2015 10:30am-12:30pm

Colorado MS Society, Snowmass One Conference Room 900 South Broadway, Denver, CO 80209

Community Invitees Present:			<b>State Staff Invitees Present:</b>		
Carol Meredith			Adam Tucker – DIDD		
Cassidy Dellemonache			Joanne Svenningsen – DIDD		
Hanni Raley*			Lori Williams – DIDD		
Heidi Haines					
Jan Rasmussen					
Jeanne Weis					
Julie Farrar					
Kasey Daniel					
Kelie Kyser					
Lisa Franklin					
Marcia Tewell					
Mary Glatz					
Gerrie Frohne					
Grace Ormsby					
Sam Ormsby					
Valerie Saiz					
Veronica Brennan					
*Attended by phone					
Agenda Item	Status/Decisions Made		Assignme	ents/Commitments	
Purpose of the Meetings	The purpose of the meeting is to ensure ongoing, transparent, and collaborative communication between the Division for Intellectual and				

Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) and the advocacy stakeholders.





I. Introductions and	Introductions made.  Contact Japana Guardingson with questions recording the March.	Questions about the summary:
review of last month meeting summary	Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions regarding the March 2015 meeting summary.	Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.Svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203
A. SIS and Support Level Determination Process	<ul> <li>The goal of today's presentation is to explain and clarify the SIS assessment/re-assessment and Support Level processes.</li> <li>The focus is on the process; individual situations and circumstances should be addressed offline with Department staff.</li> <li>The processes for SIS reassessment and Support Level Review were outlined, and were included in the attached Rule and the attached visuals.</li> <li>The CMA is responsible for the Support Level determination process which includes administering the SIS assessment and determining if the individual meets community safety risk and/or extreme risk to self.</li> </ul>	Support Level Determination:  Lori Williams 303-866-5160 Lori.Williams@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203
	<ul> <li>In the event that a new SIS assessment or a review of the Support Level may be needed, the individual's case manager must be contacted so they can initiate a SIS Reassessment or Support Level Review request.</li> <li>In response to comments regarding a perceived conflict of interest stemming from SIS interviewers as employees of CCBs, discussion included the fact that CCBs only stand to gain financially if the SIS and Support Levels are increased.</li> <li>All new SIS Interviewers are trained by Lori Williams over a two-day classroom session, 2 coaching sessions (2 additional cofacilitations with a certified SIS Interviewer) to be certified as a SIS Interviewer to conduct SIS assessments on their own.</li> <li>The SIS Interviewer trainee will not be certified if they do not pass an IRQR.</li> <li>Attendees expressed frustration with the "Train the Trainer" model.</li> </ul>	

- Attendees articulated that families felt exhausted by the process, including preparing for evaluations.
- The SIS process, per attendees, can lack person-centeredness.
   For example, questions regarding employment and higher education must still be asked, which, for some families, is an extremely painful process.
- Staff clarified that a Level 7 (option only available to individuals in the HCBS-DD waiver) is available based on exceptional needs and is provided at a negotiated rate and that Level of Need Checklists were suspended in March 2015.
- Metrics on requests to the Department regarding SIS/Support Level from July 1, 2014 – April 17, 2015 shared.
- 214 SIS Reassessment Requests
  - o 190 approved for a new SIS Assessment
    - 116 SIS reassessments resulted in a higher Support Level
    - 30 SIS reassessments did not yield a change in Support Level
    - 2 resulted in a decrease of Support Level
    - 42 SIS reassessments have not been completed (in process of being scheduled and/or completed)
  - 12 denied for a new SIS Assessment
  - o 11 approved for temporary Support Level increase
  - 1 SIS reassessment request withdrawn by the Case Management Agency at their request
  - $\circ$  1 SIS reassessment request pending (waiting on follow-up from CMA)
- 61 Support Level Review Requests
  - o 53 requests approved for a higher Support Level
  - o 8 requests denied for a higher Support Level
- Attendees expressed that the presentation of the data was helpful because it assists families in understanding the risks of seeking reassessments, which is low given that only two individuals received a reduction in Support Level in a 10 month timeframe.
- Although some families may feel that notification by the Case Manager that the Support Level may decrease based on a SIS

reassessment, family members/guardians need to be made aware of the three possible outcomes of having a new SIS:

- o The Support Level can increase,
- The Support Level can remain the same,
- o The Support Level can decrease.
- Also, the Support Level is based on the current SIS and the additional factors.
- At this time, the Department is committed to keeping the SIS.
- The Department expects to evaluate assessment tools over the next year to determine which tool best integrates with the long term care assessment tool considered by the current task group, which is working with HCBS Strategies.
- The group has identified the CMS tool called CARE and will be piloting this summer.
- This tool is based on a cross-disability model. CMS is considering the possibility of incorporating a module with I/DD specific evaluative questions into the tool, but must wait for a Congressional appropriation to move forward with the work.
- In the meantime, HCBS Strategies is working to integrate the SIS into the current CARE tool.
- The Department is committed to including the following concepts in the tool:
  - Person centered process
  - Population specific to best capture needs for individuals with I/DD
  - Inter-rater reliability for consistency
  - o Ensure equitable consideration of resources
- Department staff will take back the request that the SIS be discontinued.

B. Eligibility and the DD Waiver: Update

#### **Eligibility and the DD Waiver: Update**

 Staff followed up on last month's question about whether one application form could be filled out and subsequently submitted to the Department's contractor and also to the federal Social Security Administration (SSA). Questions regarding Eligibility and the DD Waiver:

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	Only screenshots can be printed for SSA applications, there isn't a	
	"Print entire form" option at the end of the application.	
	For the May meeting, a contact at the SSA will be sought so that	
	advocates can try to get this changed.	
	Attendees will provide further updates regarding HUD housing	
	vouchers at next month's meeting.	
C. NASDDDS		Questions regarding the
Conference	NASDDDS Conference	NASDDDS Conference:
	The National Association of State Directors of Developmental	
	Disabilities Services will be holding its June 10-12 conference in	Sarah McDonnell
	Denver.	303-866-5144
	<ul> <li>Attached Communication Brief with application for sponsorship,</li> </ul>	Sarah.McDonnell@state.co.us
	which is due today at 6PM.	1570 Grant St.
	Barbara Brent can be contacted for additional group discounts if	Denver, CO 80203
	families are seeking additional opportunities to participate.	·
III. Updates on	NCI	For questions regarding NCI:
Division Business	<ul> <li>For this year, roughly half of the F2F interviews are done.</li> </ul>	. 5
	Staff are on target to meet the June 15, 2015 deadline.	Lisa Neveu
A. NCI	Upcoming CCB Catchment areas where the interviews will be	303-866-5153
	performed:	Lisa.Neveu@state.co.us
	<ul> <li>Week of April 27 – Imagine;</li> </ul>	1570 Grant St.
	<ul> <li>May 4 – Blue Peaks, CCI, Eastern</li> </ul>	Denver, CO 80203
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B. Dental Update	Dental Update	Questions about Dentan
Di Dentai opaace	Dental Benefit will be moved to DentaQuest effective July 1, 2015.	Michelle Craig
	The rate schedule for services is attached.	303-866-5147
	<ul> <li>Dental provider outreach was started in mid-March.</li> </ul>	michele.craig@state.co.us
	500 providers just enrolled with Xerox.	1570 Grant Street
	<ul> <li>Advocates can contact DentaQuest if a dentist is required.</li> </ul>	Denver, CO 80203
	<ul> <li>Providers can limit the Medicaid clients they accept.</li> </ul>	Deliver, 60 00203
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C.	Conflict Free
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## **Conflict Free Case Management Task Group**

- There was a tremendous stakeholder response to the recommendations. Staff are working to respond to this public comment.
- However, the Department plans on releasing its responses to the Task Group recommendations before it releases responses to Public Comment in Listening Log format.
- D. CDASS in SLS Task Group

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E. Waiver Redesign

#### **Waiver Redesign**

- The Department is working to incorporate final comments from the workgroup members and will distribute the final draft on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
- Department will issue a response to the workgroup's recommendations within 30 days.
- The Department announced that it is hosting 10 stakeholder sessions statewide in May and June to exchange information about the recommendations made by the workgroup and to receive feedback and advice from all interested stakeholders.
- Details have been posted on the Department's website.
  - o Grand Junction, May 11
  - Sterling, May 13
  - o Loveland, May 15
  - La Junta, May 18
  - o Alamosa, May 19
  - o Durango, May 22
  - o Colorado Springs, June 1
  - o Denver, June 3
  - o Online Session, June 10
  - Steamboat Springs, June 12

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Questions about Waiver Redesign:

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F. Budget & Enrollments	Budget & Enrollments     There won't be an over-expenditure this year.	Questions regarding Budget & Enrollments:
Emounteres	<ul> <li>An additional 108 enrollments added across three waivers ( 6 in DD, 91 in SLS, and 11 in CES)</li> <li>As announced last month, CDASS funding was approved for FY 2015-16.</li> </ul>	Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant St.
G. Legislative	Legislative Updates	Denver, CO 80203
Updates	<ul> <li>HB 15-1318 – Waiver Redesign</li> <li>The bill passed Committee of Reference, Appropriations, and was heard on the House Floor Yesterday.</li> <li>The Department anticipates it moving to the Senate shortly.</li> </ul>	·
H. Attendee	,	
Comments and	Attendee Comments and Announcements	
Announcements	<ul> <li>In terms of the letter sent to the Department regarding the SIS, the Department cannot speak to the content of the letter at this time as a response is being drafted and cleared.</li> <li>When a formal response is cleared, it can be distributed at this meeting during this standing agenda section of the meeting and Department Subject Matter Experts will attend to address the concerns raised.</li> </ul>	
V. Adjournment	The next Advocates' Communication Meeting will be May 22, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Hosting.com.	